

**Hunt County Woodturners
Board Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2023**

The meeting was held at Wesley United Methodist Church. A Zoom link was provided by Sully Sullivan and the Zoom meeting was opened by Howard Wellspring, though no members attended through Zoom.

Club members Attending in Person: Lee Craft*, Alain Schwarz*, Doug Balzer*, Cynthia Balzer, Mark Spencer*, Howard Wellspring, Sheryl Sanders, Gary Sanders, Tom Nehl, Sully Sullivan*, Brian Livingston, Burt Andrew*.

Board Member(s) absent: Rod Brumlow*

[Voting board members for 2023 indicated *. A quorum of board members was in attendance.]

The Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm with HCW President, Lee Craft, presiding.

Items of Business

- Board Meeting minutes from October 5, 2023:

Alain Schwarz made a motion to accept the minutes, with no changes, from the October 5, 2023, board meeting. The motion was seconded by Doug Balzer. Motion passed.

- HCW Officer Nominations for 2024

- After several months of discussion and consideration by the Board, Lee offered the following members as the nominees for 2024: President, Brian Livingston; Vice-President, Alain Schwarz; Secretary, Burt Andrew; Treasurer, Mark Spencer; Technology Officer, Howard Wellspring; Training Coordinator, Rod Brumlow; Event Coordinator, Tom Nehl.

Doug Balzer made a motion to approve Lee's list of nominees. The motion was seconded by Alain Schwarz. Motion passed.

- Per the Bylaws, the formal election of officers will take place during the November meeting after accepting any other nominations from the floor.
- This election will be by a simple majority of votes cast by membership present.

- Christmas Party, WUMC, Saturday Dec 9, starting at 6:00pm

- Cynthia passed out a Schedule of Events for the 2023 HCW Christmas party.
- Within a few days Cynthia will send out an email with Christmas party details.
- Members can sign up (attendance and food) either on the website or at the November meeting.
- Event setup at the church will be at 1:00pm on December 9. Volunteers are asked to simply show up to help, i.e. no sign-ups.
- About 50 members have so far signed up to attend the Christmas party.
- Discussed Penny Raffle. Members do not have to be present to win.

- Training:

- Brian Livingston reported that the recent two-day Segmenting class, presented by Rod Brumlow and Dale King, was fully attended (8 students) and appeared well received.
- Stacy's Texturing/Carving Class is on track for Saturday/Sunday, November 3/4:
 - Eight students have signed up and paid. However, one cannot attend due to injury, and another may not, due to recent illness. The associated class fees will be refunded.
 - Lee has emailed an invitation to members to fill in the two open slots, though last-minute replacements appear unlikely.

- Upcoming Club Demonstrations and Open Shops

- Donna Frazier is lined up for November's club meeting demo. The subject will likely be "Theo's Star."

- Lee Craft (6207 CR 2560, Royse City) will host November's Open Shop.
- Upcoming planned club meeting demos: January, Gary Sanders; February, Cory White; March, Derek Weidman on lathe chainsawing.
- The November Open Shop mini-class will feature globe-type Christmas ornaments by Gary Sanders.
- **Website**
 - PJC student Trey Witt has expressed interest in updating and maintaining our website.
 - Trey, Burt, and possibly Sully, are scheduled to meet with Carl Gideon on Nov. 3 to familiarize Trey with technical elements of the website and to further assess his abilities and interest in assisting.
 - The Board generally discussed compensation, with a decision to come later as/if this arrangement positively develops.
- **Financial (Mark Spencer)** [Financials were sent to the Board members in advance, and several copies were provided to the members during the meeting.]
 - Mark presented a 2023 Budget Summary through October, and the Check Register as of October 31, 2023 (starting Sept 2022).
 - Overall reserves, including deposits and petty cash, amount to \$32.9K.
 - October income was greater than expenses by \$1,447; YTD income shows greater than expenses by \$5,194.
 - The main income items in October consisted of training class revenues, the Penny raffle, and the Monthly raffle. The primary expenses included payment for storage building rental (including insurance), and open shop hosting.
 - October's beginning check register balance, \$6,196.11.
 - Mark reported two CD's, each valued at \$2,897.27, are due to mature on Dec 19, 2023. He will evaluate rates, most likely combining the two and reinvesting with a better return.
 - Mark presented a preliminary 2024 budget, subject to additional adjustments, utilizing a comparison spreadsheet (2024 Budget vs 2023 YTD Actuals), and a calculation spreadsheet featuring major cost items (e.g. events, dues, meeting location and storage costs, demonstrators, others). Changes were made live during the meeting as items were discussed. Several items of particular interest:
 - The Penny raffle is on track, with \$160 still needed to reach the collection target.
 - Discussed potential demonstrators/instructors for training events in 2024 (Stacy Nehl, Cory White, Sammy Long, Janice Levi, Rick Urban, Cindy Drozda, Derek Weidman, Johannes Michaelson, Alan Lacer).
 - Lee, Gary, and Alain will pick up additional woodturning items for the Christmas auctions from Rockler, Wood World and Woodcraft.
 - Mark recommended leaving dues at \$48 annually with the budget set for 90 members. Due to uneven income flows, relative to dues, Mark will begin accounting for this budget item on an accrual basis.
 - Confirmed that club members will not be paid for giving demonstrations.
 - Open shop hosting was increased to \$65 per event.
- **Other Items of Business**
 - Brian stated the importance of updating the Club's Facebook page to help attract younger members.
 - The Board considered several worthy candidates for Woodturner of the Year and a selection was made. Lee will make the announcement during the Christmas party.

The meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.